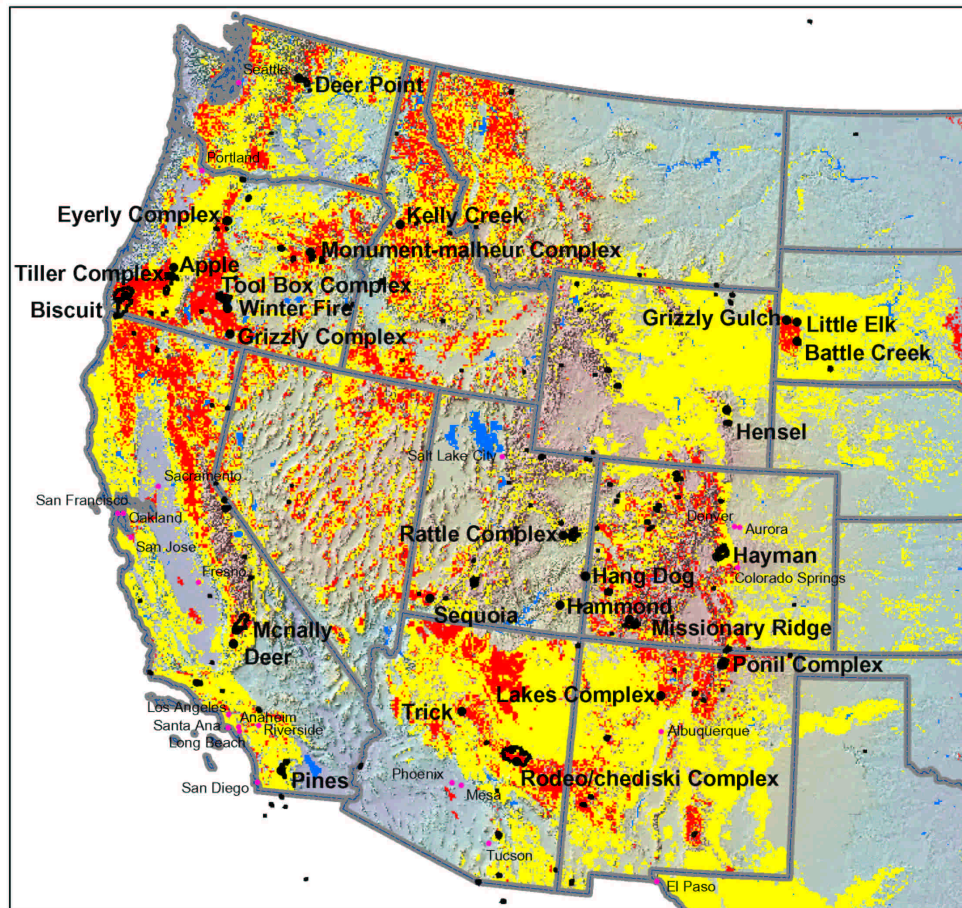


Large Fire Locations by Fire Regime Condition Classes 2 & 3 for All Historical Natural Fire Regimes



Legend

Large Fire Perimeters -- Aug 30, 2002

Fire Regime Condition Class

Condition Class 2
 Condition Class 3

SOURCES

Fire Perimeters: MODIS Satellite Imagery
(Total number of fires from Jan 1st to present).
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Fire Regime Condition Class 1

For the most part, fire regimes in this Fire Regime Condition Class are within historical ranges. Thus, the risk of losing key ecosystem components from the occurrence of fire remains relatively low. Maintenance management such as prescribed fire, mechanical treatments, or preventing the invasion of non-native weeds, is required to prevent these lands from becoming degraded.



Fire Regime Condition Class 2

Fire regimes on these lands have been moderately altered from their historical range by either increased or decreased fire frequency. A moderate risk of losing key ecosystem components has been identified in these lands. To restore these lands, to their historical fire regimes, may require some level of restoration through prescribed fire, mechanical or chemical treatments, and the subsequent reintroduction of native plants.



Fire Regime Condition Class 3

These lands have been significantly altered from their historical range. Because fire regimes have been extensively altered, risk of losing key ecosystem components from fire is high. Consequently, these lands verge on the greatest risk of ecological collapse. To restore these lands, to their historical fire regimes, may require multiple mechanical or chemical treatments and reseeding before prescribed fire can be utilized to manage fuel or obtain other desired benefits.

